

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

STATE OF MISSOURI, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official
capacity as President of the United States,
et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:24-cv-520-JAR

EXHIBIT 1

Declaration of Levon Schlichter (May 6, 2024)

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DECLARATION OF LEVON SCHLICHTER

1. I, Levon Isaac Quattrone Schlichter, am a General Attorney, Division of Regulatory Services (DRS), Office of General Counsel, at the United States Department of Education (Department). My employment in this role began on February 28, 2011.
2. As a General Attorney within DRS, my responsibilities include ensuring the submission of regulations to the Secretary for signature and, upon receipt of signature, ensuring the transmission of regulations to the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) for publication in the *Federal Register* pursuant to the Federal Register Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 1501-11. The statements in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge or information provided to me in my official capacity.
3. On June 14, 2023, the Secretary signed the Final Rule titled *Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program*. On the same day, following receipt of the Secretary's signature, the Final Rule was uploaded to the OFR document submission portal for publication. The Final Rule was later published at 88 Fed. Reg. 43,820 (July 10, 2023).
4. An email from OFR, confirming that the Final Rule was received for publication, is attached hereto as Exhibit 1-A.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 7th day of May 2024.



Levon Schlichter

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EXHIBIT 1A

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